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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :  
SECONDO DOTTORI : EXAMINER:  
SERIAL NO.: NEW APPLICATION :  
FILED: HEREWITH : GROUP ART UNIT:  
FOR: STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE  
OF BLOOD PRODUCTS INCLUDING  
RED BLOOD CELLS AND PLATELETS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend page 9, lines 11-16, as follows:

--Figure 5a and 5b. The carnitine system and membrane phospholipid reacylation reactions. Thicker arrows indicate the preferential acyl flux. The dimension of the acylcarnitine box shows the likely related pool size. Abbreviations used are: LPL, lysophospholipids; PLP, phospholipids; Cn, carnitine; acyl-Cn, acyl-carnitine; ACS, acyl-CoA synthetase; LAT, lysophospholipid acyl-CoA transferase; CPT, carnitine palmitoyltransferase.--

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